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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,
Hello,

I am writing because I am a consumer and I support broadband competition.

I chose a competitive provider after being with the only provider in our area for years. Not only could I receive the service I wanted, I was also able to utilize a bundled package that suited our household needs. I want more competition because here, if you want telephone and internet, for years you only had one option and they charge you more than \$125 per month just for cable, and another \$60 for telephone, and another \$40 for internet.

price hikes only hurt individuals as opposed to the companies that provide the services and increase the cost of internet and telephone services. Access is critical to our survival in this electronic age and price hikes have been particularly inconsiderate in our fiscal climate. For instance, broadband is critical to my home, given that I have two children in high school that need to use the internet to complete homework, a wife who is a college educator, and given my own employment and research. The increased cost is why I switched to another provider, but only after another provider was available to service the area in which we reside. We only need a home telephone for our children to be able to enroll in public school, but maintaining a landline can be more costly if there is no competition.

Best,

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